

Replacement name for *Marginella puniceus* S.G. Veldsman, 2014: *Marginella (Piperamarginella) jeffreysbayensis*

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ABSTRACT A replacement or substitute name is given for *Marginella puniceus* S.G. Veldsman, 2014, as *Marginella (Piperamarginella) jeffreysbayensis* to correct a nomenclatural error which led the original name to be invalid under the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature.

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INTRODUCTION

Puniceus, -a, -um is a Latin adjective meaning purple. Because the grammatical gender of *Marginella* is feminine, the name *Marginella puniceus* S.G.Veldsman, 2014 must, under Article 31.2 and 34.2 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, be corrected to *Marginella punicea*. Laseron (1948:38, plate 5 figure 7) described from New South Wales *Marginella punicea* Laseron, 1948. Although this is now considered a synonym of *Gibberula agapeta* (R.B. Watson, 1886), *Marginella punicea* Laseron, 1948 and *Marginella punicea* S.G.Veldsman, 2014 are primary homonyms, and under Article 57.2 the latter name is permanently invalid. (personal communication, Philippe Bouchet, 2017).

New substitute name. Under Article 60.3, the name *Marginella jeffreysbayensis* is here established as a *nomen novum* for *Marginella punicea* S.G.Veldsman, 2014, non Laseron, 1948. (see Figure 1) This species is a member of the newly established subgenus *Piperamarginella* S.G.Veldsman, 2017.

Etymology. This species is named for the shelling town of Jeffreys Bay, subsequently also where most of the known specimens have been found.



Figure 1. Holotype of *Marginella jeffreysbayensis*. 14.15 mm in length. Natal Museum South Africa, NMSA W9713/T3899.

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